



Minutes

Parent Involvement Committee
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Bluewater DSB Education Centre - Chesley

Parents:

North: Jennifer Miller (Co-Chair), Tanya Schute

South: Toby Bruce

West: Jim Thorpe

Trustee: Linda Hamill

Community: Sue Loyst

Parent at Large: Judi Chambers

Administration: Steve Blake, Director; Bev Sims, Director's Office; Keith Lefebvre, Principal; Matt Pickett, Principal; Jean Stephenson, Superintendent of Education

Teacher: Betty-Jo Raddin

Guests:

Regrets: Jennifer Barratt-Parker (Co-Chair), Joe Grieco

Agenda item	Discussion / Decision / Action Taken	Follow-up/person responsible
Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief introductions all round. 	
1. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No exceptions 	
2. Review of January 13, 2015 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Betty-Jo Raddin to be shown as a teacher, rather than Admin. ▪ Sue, 2nd Tanya, carried 	
3. Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None. 	
4. Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multiyear plan review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trustee input ▪ On website, media interest has been high. ▪ Over 150 responses thus far ▪ Will be consultations with various groups such as SEAC and the student council ▪ Input to be sought from the school councils, message sent to principals ▪ April 24 is the deadline for input. ▪ Accommodation review info expected from the Ministry this spring ▪ Student immunizations rules governed by the Health Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protocols in place for exemptions ▪ Students not immunized are removed from the schools during outbreaks ▪ Very low percentage not participating ▪ Budget meeting is on March 31st (6 pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grants for student need is to be reduced 2% ▪ \$2 mil less to be distributed for special needs students ▪ Less room to maneuver than some boards ▪ School consolidations to be looked at to pool costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools utilizing less than 65% capacity will only receive 10% top-up funds. Above 65% school funding is topped up to 95%. ▪ Information on Amount of money to be received will be known near the end of March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget must be balanced by the end of June ▪ Brazilian exchange program was a success, expansion is being pursued ▪ The board is open to partnerships for use of space but the venture must be profitable ▪ Paul Martin project/visit was a success ▪ Tech challenge on March 27th at Georgian College involving students without teacher or parent help ▪ Parents have shown nominal interest in the sexual education curriculum ▪ PIC and the website are actively promoted by the communications dept. via twitter and through the school principals 	
5. Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director's report covered the news. ▪ Challenging year ▪ Senior staff has been very supportive with the new council. 	
6. Parent Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concussion protocol is being worked on and information to be distributed to parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents have a duty to report concussions to their child's school ▪ Return to learning program is set up for the student ▪ Effects of concussions are cumulative ▪ Ontario physical and health educators have developed an app for smart phones and modules developed for all grade levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
7. Co-Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No new information to report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
8. SC Network Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 28. ▪ Suggested topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Engagement and Math Literacy ▪ Growth Mindset (Keith and Matt) ▪ SEAC and support for parents (Alana) ▪ Strategic Plan review and update (Steve) ▪ Open networking ▪ Roles to be assigned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judy to be at the welcome table and come up with an ice breaker. ▪ PIC members to facilitate and record on flip charts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toby, Matt, Keith, Tanya ▪ Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How Children Succeed, by Paul Tufts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer M and Bev to finalize agenda and send out invitation.
9. Pro Grant Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 19th is the deadline for this year ▪ Regional pro-grant application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint application with SEAC to design/enhance a web based application to assist parents of children with special needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interactive ○ Sense of community for parents. ▪ School participation in the PRO Grant program within our board is up 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer M to work with Alana Murray and Steve
10. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IEP presentation ▪ Goal is to close the achievement gap for children with special needs ▪ Principal professional development is on going ▪ Bluewater contributes more than the minimum amount funding ▪ One in four children in Bluewater have some type of special needs. 	
11. Safe School Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information sent out by Director's office ▪ Relevant policies are up for review this cycle. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issue has been addressed by PIC. 	
12. Next meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 28th (SC Network Meeting) and June 9th are the next meetings. 	
13. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7:05 p.m. 	